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Development of public information activities in the field of human rights, including the World Public Information Campaign for Human Rights

Report of the Secretary-General

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Introduction

1. In its resolution 1992/38 of 28 February 1992, entitled "Development of public information activities in the field of human rights, including the World Public Information Campaign for Human Rights", the Commission on Human Rights, reaffirming that activities to improve public knowledge in the field of human rights were essential to the fulfilment of the purposes of the United Nations set out in the Charter and that carefully designed programmes of teaching, education and information were essential to the achievement of lasting respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms, affirmed that a World Public Information Campaign for Human Rights was a valuable complement to the activities of the United Nations aimed at the further promotion and protection of human rights worldwide.

2. The World Public Information Campaign for Human Rights was launched by the General Assembly in its resolution 43/128 of 8 December 1988, on the occasion of the fortieth anniversary of the adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, with the objective of increasing understanding and awareness of human rights and fundamental freedoms and educating the public on the international human rights machinery and the efforts of the United Nations to promote and protect human rights.

3. In keeping with these objectives, the United Nations is developing its information and education programme, since information leading to awareness and knowledge of basic rights and freedoms represents an essential element towards the universal implementation of the standards already set in the field of human rights. The five main areas of activity of the World Campaign are: preparation and dissemination of printed information materials; workshops, seminars and training courses; fellowships and internships; special human rights observances; promotion activities.

4. In resolution 1992/38, the Commission on Human Rights requested the Secretary-General to submit to the Commission, at its forty-ninth session, a report on public information activities with special emphasis on the activities of the World Public Information Campaign for Human Rights, including details of the costs incurred in 1992 and the budget envisaged for future activities, as well as further assessment of the impact of the World Campaign activities undertaken by the United Nations in the field of human rights. The present report is submitted in accordance with that request.

I. CENTRE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS

A. Publications programme

5. The elaboration of printed material on human rights is one of the main aspects of the information programme of the Centre for Human Rights. This material is distributed to national and regional human rights institutions, academic and research institutions, the media, non-governmental organizations and concerned individuals.

6. The Centre is undertaking a thorough and comprehensive revision of its information programme. This aims at both reviewing and renewing the overall information strategy of the Centre, as to its policy, goals, target audience

and methods of work. As part of this effort, a Working Group on Information has been established within the External Relations and Information Section of the Centre. The Working Group advises on the editorial policies for the various human rights publications; setting of priorities; choice of topics to be addressed in the Centre's information material; selection of authors; selection of material to be published; creation of new series and revision or discontinuing of existing ones; and finally, questions related to the distribution of the Centre's publications.

7. The primary task of the Working Group at this early stage is to undertake a comprehensive evaluation of the principal publications of the Centre, such as the Fact Sheets, the Bulletin of Human Rights, Human Rights Newsletter, the Study Series. Each publication is being analysed against criteria of utility, consistency with its original objective, efficiency in its production, suitability of its present format. It is expected that this evaluation will result in a carefully formulated editorial policy for each series or category of publications. A critical analysis of the methods by which the Centre's information materials are produced is being undertaken simultaneously and changes in this area may also be expected.

8. Other issues on the agenda of the Working Group include: the strengthening and implementation of the new approach adopted by the Centre on the production of teaching materials, in particular manuals; a reassessment of the translation programme of the Centre, aiming at defining a more efficient and more precisely targeted strategy in this field; the improvement of the methods currently adopted for the dissemination of information on human rights, in terms of efficiency, promptness and correspondence to the needs and expectations of the public.

9. The possibility of establishing a library within the Centre is also being addressed by the Working Group. This issue has been raised in several fora, most recently at the Fourth Meeting of the Chairpersons of the Human Rights Treaty Bodies, held in Geneva in October 1992. There exists general agreement that an internal library containing a comprehensive collection of text books and publications on human rights, as well as United Nations documents, would greatly facilitate the work of the Centre's staff members as well as that of the members of the various human rights treaty bodies.

10. The Working Group is also studying ways in which cooperation between the Centre and other United Nations bodies and agencies whose mandates involve, to a different extent, human rights topics could be enhanced. The most evident example is the Division for the Advancement of Women in Vienna, in cooperation with which the Centre is already preparing several publications on various aspects of the human rights of women.

1. Information material

FACT SHEETS

11. The Fact Sheet series consists of booklets directed at a non-specialized audience, dealing with different aspects of the United Nations activity in the field of human rights, including the international mechanisms for the

protection of human rights, or with specific human rights topics. Fact Sheets are translated into the six official United Nations languages and distributed worldwide free of charge. Owing to the increased demand, several Fact Sheets have been reprinted. Since the last report of the Secretary-General to the Commission, Fact Sheets 17 and 18 have been issued:

Fact Sheet No.17 The Committee against Torture

Fact Sheet No.18 Minority Rights

12. Fact Sheets on refugees and human rights and national institutions for the promotion and protection of human rights are being printed. Fact Sheets on migrant workers, religious intolerance, human rights and women, the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, human rights and the police are under preparation. Several Fact Sheets printed since the beginning of the World Campaign are being revised or updated. The complete list of Fact Sheets is contained in the annex.

BULLETIN OF HUMAN RIGHTS

13. The Bulletin of Human Rights, issued in English and French, contains articles on human rights topics by leading government and academic experts. The Centre's Working Group on Information is examining a proposal aimed at revising this publication as to purpose, content, method of production and management in order to overcome some problems encountered in the past and to improve its overall quality.

14. Since the last report to the Commission, three issues of the Bulletin have been published. The first, on special procedures and the role of non-governmental organizations contains contributions on: the role and functions of the Special Rapporteur on religious intolerance (A.V. d'Almeida Ribeiro); the law and its effective implementation in the protection of human rights with reference to the situation in Peru (E. Bernales Ballesteros, Special Rapporteur on the question of mercenaries); "the silent revolution" in human rights protection (F. Volio Jiménez, former Special Rapporteur on the human rights situation in Chile); the problem of disappearances (T. van Dongen, member of the Working Group on Enforced or Involun ary Disappearances); non-governmental organizations and the human rights movement in Latin America (D. García Sayán, Executive Director of the Andean Commission of Jurists; the role of NGOs in human rights standard-setting (N. MacDermot, former Secretary-General of the International Commission of Jurists); the role of NGOs in the promotion and protection of human rights (C.M. Eya Nchama, Professor at the Institute for Development Studies, Geneva); the work of NGOs in the worldwide promotion and protection of human rights (N.S. Rodley, Professor in Law, University of Essex); teaching human rights in Sri Lanka (E. A.G. De Silva, Vice-President, Sri Lanka Foundation).

15. The second, on humanitarian and refugee law, includes articles on: human rights and international humanitarian law (J. Patrnogic, President of the International Institute of Humanitarian Law, San Remo; H. Gros Espiell, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Uruguay and former President of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights; F.J. Hampson, Lecturer in Law, University of

Essex and C. Sommaruga, Secretary-General of the International Committee of the Red Cross); human rights accorded by international humanitarian law (B. Jakovljević, Special Adviser for International Relations of the Red Cross of Yugoslavia); the protection of the human person under human rights law and humanitarian law (T. Meron, Professor of Law, New York University School of Law); refugees and human rights (G.J.L. Coles, former UNHCR Senior Legal Research Officer); a critical assessment of the human rights and refugee linkage (P. Nobel, Swedish Ombudsman against Ethnic Discrimination); the rights of refugees under international law (I. Khokhlov, Professor, Moscow State Institute of International Relations); fear of persecution and the law of human rights (J. Hathaway, Associate Dean, Osgoode Hall Law School, York University of Toronto).

16. The third, on the rights of the child, contains several articles on the legal framework of the Convention on the Rights of the Child (P. Alston, Chairman of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights; A. Lopatka, President, Supreme Court of Poland); the role of UNICEF in promoting the implementation of the Convention in States parties (D. O'Donnell, former jurist at Defence for Children International); the importance of international cooperation in the elaboration and implementation of the Convention (F.Z. Ksentini, member of the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities; V. Muntarbhorn, Special Rapporteur of the United Nations Commission on Human Rights on the sale of children; M. Santos Pais, Adviser, Department of Documentation and Comparative Law, Ministry of Justice of Portugal and member of the Committee on the Rights of the Child) and non-governmental organizations and the Convention on the Rights of the Child (N. Cantwell, Director of Programmes, Defence for Children International).

Newsletter

17. The Human Rights Newsletter, begun in 1988, appears quarterly in English and French. It contains, inter alia, articles on the activities of the United Nations bodies dealing with human rights including the Centre for Human Rights; interviews with experts in the field of human rights; information on training courses, seminars, workshops and other meetings organized by the United Nations; and information on the activities of non-governmental organizations dealing with human rights. A recurrent column on the World Conference on Human Rights and on the International Year for the World's Indigenous People appears in the most recent issues. Since the submission of the last report to the Commission, two issues of the Newsletter have been published.

Study series

18. The Human Rights Study Series reproduces studies and reports prepared by Special Rapporteurs on important human rights issues which have been mandated by various human rights bodies, such as the Commission on Human Rights or the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities. Five issues have been published so far in the series (see annex), each of which is available in the six official United Nations languages. A study on human rights and disability is being printed.

Ad Hoc publications

19. Since the issue of the last report of the Secretary-General to the Commission, two new ad hoc publications have been issued:

(a) Workshop on international human rights instruments and reporting obligations: preparation of reports to United Nations human rights treaty bodies (Moscow, 26-30 August 1991) (English);

(b) African seminar on international human rights standards and the administration of justice (Cairo, 8-12 July 1991) (English)

The series of ad hoc publications now contains 15 issues (annex).

20. The report of the European Conference on International Human Rights Standards (Barcelona, 13-17 January 1992) and of the training course on human rights information handling and technology (Geneva, October-November 1991) are in the process of being printed. A publication collecting the papers presented by the experts to the Seminar on international human rights standards and constitutional law for specialists from South Africa, held in Geneva from 17 to 20 June 1991, is under preparation. The legislative history (travaux préparatoires) of the Convention on the Rights of the Child is also being prepared for publication in collaboration with Rädda Barnen International, a Swedish non-governmental organization.

21. A new version of the booklet Human Rights: Questions and Answers is also under preparation.

Teaching materials

22. The Centre is devoting considerable efforts to the elaboration of teaching materials at all levels, in keeping with the directives of the Commission on Human Rights. ABC Teaching of Human Rights, issued in 1989 and available in all six official languages, is being reprinted in order to respond to an increasing number of requests from teachers' organizations, educational institutions, and international organizations. Translations of the booklet into non-official United Nations languages have been made by non-governmental organizations active in the field of education.

23. The Centre is presently focusing, in particular, on the elaboration of teaching manuals on human rights for different target groups and/or on specific human rights subjects, which will form a new series of publications. Teaching and Learning about Human Rights - A Manual for Schools of Social Work and the Social Work Profession was developed by the Centre in cooperation with the International Federation of Social Workers and the International Association of Schools of Social Work. Four more manuals are being developed on: human rights for law enforcement officials; national institutions for the protection and promotion of human rights; human rights in the administration of justice; human rights teaching at university level, in cooperation with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization. Meetings of experts to facilitate the preparation of the manuals are scheduled to take place in 1993.

24. The manuals will be intended to provide valuable practical support to the training activities which are a principal aspect of the United Nations human rights programme. In this regard, the Centre is developing a new approach, which is being further defined in the context of the Working Group on Information. It aims at including in the manuals practical recommendations for effective pedagogical techniques. In this way, the impact of the Centre's training exercises can be enhanced, and their efficiency maximized. The production of such materials will obviate the need for the repeated ad hoc preparation of course materials, while at the same time facilitating an approached designed to "train the trainers", thus allowing for the broadest possible dissemination of the principles to be taught, with the minimum necessary resource expenditure.

25. Other features of the manuals, as intended in the new approach, will be the following. The manuals will be directly targeted and appropriately addressed to the needs of the concerned audience and flexible enough to be adaptable to the particular cultural, educational, regional and experiential needs and realities of a diverse range of potential audiences within the target group. They will not be limited to providing for theoretical information on human rights standards but also contain practical information on proven techniques for the performance of the target audience's duties. They will include pre- and post-training evaluative tools.

26. A standardized method of work for the production of teaching manuals has been developed by the Centre. It includes: identification of target audiences or special needs of the public, consultation of international experts, organization of working meetings, close cooperation with other United Nations bodies having a particular expertise on the topic covered by the manual (for example, the Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Branch for the manual on human rights in the administration of justice), or the audience addressed by the manual (for example, the World Health Organization for health care workers). In addition to the teaching manuals, the Centre is preparing a handbook on the human right to take part in government through periodic and genuine elections in connection with the Centre's advisory services relating to elections.

Translations

27. The Centre for Human Rights, in cooperation with the Department of Public Information (DPI), has been coordinating the translation and authentification of regional and local language versions of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. As mentioned above, the Working Group on Information is now in the process of reviewing the translations project with a view to increasing both the range of instruments translated and the number of language versions produced. To this end it is formulating a strategy in relation to the three instruments composing the International Bill of Human Rights, aimed at identifying the language versions which presently exist and those which remain to be produced. Non-governmental organizations are a valuable resource in this respect and their cooperation is being actively sought. The Centre will be working closely with DPI in an effort to ensure the widespread and effective dissemination of these translated instruments.

2. Reference material

28. The reference publications of the Centre for Human Rights are addressed to a more specialized audience. They are also sales publications, and are as follows:

(a) United Nations Action in the Field of Human Rights: this publication, which appears every five years, is the standard United Nations reference work in the field of human rights. The last issue, covering the period from 1945 to 1988, is available in Arabic, Chinese, English, French and Spanish. As requested by the General Assembly, this publication is being updated and is scheduled to be published prior to the World Conference on Human Rights in June 1993;

(b) Human Rights: A Compilation of International Instruments contains the basic international instruments in the field of human rights. An updated version is being prepared and, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 46/116 on the World Conference, will also contain the major human rights instruments of regional organizations;

(c) Human Rights: Status of International Instruments contains detailed information including ratifications, reservations, objections and declarations in relation to the human rights instruments contained in the Compilation. An updated version of the Status of International Instruments is being prepared and is scheduled to be released in conjunction with the updated Compilation. A chart of ratifications appears every six months. The most recent was released in December 1992;

(d) The Yearbook on Human Rights contains information on international developments in the field of human rights including activities undertaken by the United Nations and its specialized agencies as well as the activities of the various human rights bodies. The Yearbook also surveys national developments in the field of human rights and includes information on Trust and Non-Self-Governing Territories. The volumes concerning 1980 to 1987 are currently available in English. The volume for 1988 is being printed. The volumes for 1989 and 1990 are being finalized;

(e) Official Records of the Human Rights Committee (formerly United Nations Yearbook of the Human Rights Committee). The 1981-1982 edition of the Yearbook of the Human Rights Committee is available in English and French. The 1983-1984 edition is being issued in English, and the French version is in preparation. The 1985-1986 and 1987-1988 editions are in the process of being printed;

(f) Human Rights Committee - Selected Decisions under the Optional Protocol: volume 1 - 1977/1982 (second to sixteenth session) is available in English, French and Spanish. Volume 2 -1982/1988 (seventeenth to thirty-second sessions) is available in English; the Spanish version is being printed. The Arabic, Chinese, French and Russian versions are in preparation.

B. Training courses, seminars, workshops

29. In its resolution 1992/38, the Commission on Human Rights noted the special value, under the advisory services and technical assistance programme, of regional and national training courses and workshops in promoting practical education and awareness in the field of human rights, including the aims and objectives of the World Conference on Human Rights. In the course of 1992, the Centre organized several of these meetings. The complete list is included in the report of the Secretary-General to the Commission on Human Rights on advisory services in the field of human rights (E/CN.4/1993/61).

C. Cooperation in the organization and participation in training courses, workshops and other activities

30. For 1992, the Centre for Human Rights participated in more than 100 conferences, workshops, seminars, training courses and other meetings organized all over the world by intergovernmental and regional organizations, Governments, academic and research institutions and non-governmental organizations. Participation in these events has provided the opportunity to disseminate information on human rights issues and to explain the purposes of the World Public Information Campaign.

D. Fellowships and internships

31. The number of applications for the fellowship programme continues to increase. For the 1992 programme, the Secretary-General received 116 candidatures from 62 Governments. Fifty-five were selected, on the basis of equitable geographical distribution, with priority being given, inter alia, to applicants from the developing countries, and to allocating a fair share of the fellowships to women (of the 55 candidates selected, 21 were women). For the first time in 1992, the Centre established cooperation with the United Nations Crime Prevention and Administration of Justice Branch in Vienna, where two participants spent a week.

32. In the course of 1992, 106 internships were offered to advanced university students to gain first-hand knowledge of United Nations action and procedures in the field of human rights through active participation in the work of the Centre for Human Rights, under the direct supervision of professional staff of the Centre. Internships do not entail financial commitments of any kind by the Centre for Human Rights or the United Nations.

II. COORDINATION AND COOPERATION WITHIN AND OUTSIDE THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM

33. In paragraph 10 of resolution 1992/38, the Commission on Human Rights requested the Centre for Human Rights to coordinate the relevant activities of the World Public Information Campaign for Human Rights within the United Nations system, and to maintain liaison with Governments, regional and national institutions and individual concerned in the development and implementation of those activities. In paragraph 14, it emphasized the need for the United Nations to harmonize its public information activities in the field of human rights with those of other organizations, such as the

International Committee of the Red Cross, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization in their respective fields of competence.

34. As part of its ongoing efforts to coordinate its activities with those of other United Nations bodies and in keeping with the above-mentioned resolution, the Centre for Human Rights convenes each year in Geneva an inter-agency meeting on human rights issues. These meetings allow participants to review joint projects and to exchange information on a number of ongoing activities in the field of human rights carried out by the respective organizations. They also provide an opportunity for further forms of cooperation to be identified between the Centre for Human Rights and the organizations represented. Information, documentation and education in the field of human rights is one of the items on the agenda of these meetings.

35. The fourth inter-agency meeting was held in Geneva on 25 June 1992. The Centre for Human Rights presented a working paper containing proposals and suggestions for enhancing inter-agency cooperation in the context of the World Campaign. The paper identified some specific "project areas" where cooperation between the agencies represented at the meeting could usefully be strengthened and improved. Translation of international human rights instruments; organization of training courses, seminars and workshops; preparation of training manuals and of teaching materials for primary and secondary schools; publications and the human rights of women are all fields in which inter-agency cooperation could and should be strengthened through more systematic collaboration. The paper proposed a number of methods designed to facilitate such cooperation. The convening of regular meetings of information officers of the various organizations is, for instance, one logical way of ensuring the periodic exchange of information on respective programmes and the identification of areas of possible future cooperation. The concept of shared staffing was also mooted as another means by which sustained inter-agency contact could be maintained. The following information relates to this coordination.

Department of Public Information

36. The Department of Public Information (DPI) participated in the inter-agency meeting. Details of the activity of the Department in the field of human rights are contained in the addendum to the present report.

Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Branch

37. The Centre for Human Rights participated in all preparatory meetings for the establishment of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, including the first session of the Commission held in Vienna in April 1992.

Division for the Advancement of Women

38. The working paper presented by the Centre to the 1992 meeting contained a number of specific proposals for strengthening cooperation between and coordinating the activities of the Centre and other parts of the United Nations system dealing with women's issues. The representative of the Division for the Advancement of Women welcomed a proposal of the Centre which

concerned the joint production of a Fact Sheet on women and human rights. Other possibilities of joint ventures in the field of publications could also be explored. The Division's activities in the field of women and human rights were summarized briefly. It was suggested that a further area of useful cooperation with the Centre could be in the translation, into non-official languages, of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women. The Division has already produced some versions, but the cooperation of the Centre to expand its translations programme would be warmly welcomed.

United Nations Interregional Crime Research Institute (UNICRI)

39. A principle activity of UNICRI is the organization of training courses, which are directed to different target groups both directly and indirectly involved in criminality and the administration of justice. At the inter-agency meeting, UNICRI pointed out that human rights issues were a standard feature of its working programme and called for cooperation with other agencies in the preparation of its training courses.

United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)

40. The Centre for Human Rights has actively cooperated with UNICEF in developing and disseminating materials to promote the Convention on the Rights of the Child, which entered into force on 2 September 1990. UNICEF stressed the importance of education for children and pointed out that a growing number of requests from Member States concerned changes in their legislation in the field of children's rights.

United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)

41. UNCTAD expressed interest in collaborating with the Centre in a number of areas. It suggested that information activities on human rights be expanded and targeted not only to specialized groups, but also to the general public. This could be done through a greater use of mass media, such as radio, television and newspapers.

United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)

42. UNDP stressed the importance that human rights issues play in the process of development. In particular, it made reference to the second UNDP Human Development Report published in New York, in which human rights matters are explicitly taken into consideration and a "Human Freedom Index" is provided. With reference to the action of the Centre for Human Rights in national and regional human rights institution-building, UNDP offered its cooperation through its resident representatives in the field. The cooperation between UNDP and the Centre for Human Rights was considered useful during and after the pre-project phase in order to benefit from appropriate local logistic reference before the actual project implementation start. It was suggested that this proposal be renewed in further bilateral meetings between staff members of the two organizations.

United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)

43. UNFPA stressed the need to establish a solid connection between the agencies which had field structures and the institutions which had implementation responsibilities. This would enable the different organizations to take into consideration, in developing their information programmes, the special needs of field-based offices. This could involve, for example, the translation, into non-official languages, of those conventions which were related to the field-work of UNFPA officials and to make them available in the countries concerned.

United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)

44. Cooperation between the Centre for Human Rights and UNHCR is based on the common aim of the two organizations. UNHCR pointed out that cooperation between the agencies attending the meeting could be strengthened in the organization of training courses, which were very often directed at the same kind of audience. UNHCR is at present developing various training models on, inter alia, repatriation and refugee women, which could benefit from the expertise of other agencies; the Refugee Documentation Centre could also assist other agencies with technical inputs.

United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)

45. The activity of UNESCO in the field of human rights education, training and information tends to the creation of a human rights network for education. Every second year, UNESCO sponsors the Prize for Teaching Human Rights. UNESCO mentioned the joint project currently being carried out in cooperation with the Centre for Human Rights, consisting in the elaboration of a human rights teaching manual to be adapted to the different cultural, political and institutional realities. Reference was made to the UNESCO Directory of Human Rights Institutes and to different bibliographic works which UNESCO has undertaken in cooperation with other United Nations agencies including the Centre. UNESCO also drew attention to its work in the translation of international human rights instruments into local languages. Special efforts are at present being devoted to the translation of the Convention of the Rights of the Child.

World Health Organization (WHO)

46. Coordination between WHO and the Centre for Human Rights has been fruitful in the past, particularly in relation to the organization and conduct of seminars. WHO responded to the working paper presented by the Centre by informing the meeting that an internal group would be convened to consider the proposals contained therein. It also suggested that information on human rights issues could usefully be included in its programmes of medical education. Other areas of cooperation could also be found in its programme of health promotion.

Organization of African Unity

47. The Centre for Human Rights cooperates with the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights of the Organization of African Unity in a number of

training and information activities. It was also represented at the eleventh session of the Commission.

Organization of American States

48. The Centre for Human Rights has continued its cooperation with the Organization of American States and the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights. Members of the Inter-American Commission participated in a number of training programmes organized by the Centre. Information on the activity of the Human Rights Committee and the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights is regularly exchanged in order to avoid duplication of cases.

Council of Europe

49. The Centre for Human Rights participated in the international colloquium on democracy and legal protection of human rights (Lisbon), organized by the Council of Europe in cooperation with the Government of Portugal. It also participated in the Conference on regional systems of human rights protection in Africa, America and Europe, held in Strasbourg in June 1992.

International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC)

50. The International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) also participated in the inter-agency meeting of 25 June 1992. The ICRC representative expressed great interest in strengthening cooperation between both organizations in order to develop the links between substantive elements of humanitarian law and human rights law. Great emphasis was given to the active involvement of ICRC in the Preparatory Committee for the World Conference on Human Rights.

Non-governmental organizations

51. Non-governmental organizations continue to cooperate actively with the United Nations bodies dealing with human rights, providing them with information and expertise. Non-governmental organizations also effectively contribute to the implementation of the World Campaign's activities, especially in the areas of information, education and dissemination of United Nations materials and publications. They also cooperate with the Centre for Human Rights in the organizations of training activities in several countries in which the Centre is implementing technical assistance programmes. Reference to the valuable action of non-governmental organizations is also made in paragraph 12 of resolution 1992/38, in which the Commission on Human Rights requested the Secretariat to take advantage as much as possible, in the implementation of the World Campaign, of the collaboration of non-governmental organizations, including the dissemination of human rights materials.

52. In connection with the forty-eighth session of the Commission on Human Rights, special briefings for representatives of non-governmental organizations were given by staff members of the Centre. Briefings on the World Conference on Human Rights for the NGO community are regularly held both in Geneva and New York.

Human rights academic and research institutions

53. The Centre regularly cooperates with the International Institute for Human Rights in Strasbourg, in the organization of the Institute's annual teaching session on the major human rights protection systems. In 1992 it provided the Institute with three staff members to give lectures in English, French and Spanish for a one-week period. United Nations fellows on human rights regularly spend two weeks at the Institute in order to deepen their knowledge of regional human rights protection systems.

54. The Centre and the International Institute of Humanitarian Law in San Remo continued their cooperation. A training course on international human rights standards and the administration of justice for officials of African-English speaking countries was organized in San Remo from 9 to 13 March 1992 by the Centre in cooperation with UNICRI, the Italian Government and the International Institute of Humanitarian Law. It followed the organization of a similar seminar for officials from African French-speaking countries, last year. A representative of the Centre participated in the round table on the evolution of the right to assistance, held in September 1992.

55. The Centre actively cooperated with the International Institute of Higher Studies in Criminal Sciences, at Siracusa. Representatives of the Centre attended the ISISC Seminar on the protection of human rights in criminal justice proceedings for African Jurists in July 1992 and the World Conference on the establishment of an international criminal court, in December 1992.

56. The Centre continued its cooperation with the Raoul Wallenberg Institute of Human Rights and Humanitarian Law in Lund. It participated in the seminar on academic freedom organized in the context of the preparatory process of the World Conference on Human Rights in March 1992. The Centre also organized, in cooperation with the Institute, a seminar on free and fair elections and human rights in a democratic society, which was held in Luanda in August 1992.

57. Cooperation with the Arab Institute for Human Rights, at Tunis, continued throughout 1992. The Centre is member of the Institute's Executive Board and it participated in its annual session. The Centre regularly provides the Institute with documentation about the activity of United Nations human rights bodies.

58. The Centre participated in the third seminar on the efficiency of international instruments in human rights and humanitarian law organized in Colombia by the Andean Commission of Jurists and in the third course on the international protection of human rights in Lima.

59. The Centre also actively supports the African Centre for Democracy and Human Rights, located at Banjul. Throughout 1992, the Centre for Human Rights continued its efforts to increase cooperation with other organizations dealing with human rights, such as international and regional organizations, academic and research institutions, non-governmental organizations and the media.

III. BRIEFINGS, EXHIBITS AND HUMAN RIGHTS OBSERVANCES

60. The Centre organizes briefings on United Nations activities in the field of human rights and on specific human rights issues for students, diplomats, journalists, public officials, professors and non-governmental organizations. Particular interest has been shown in the course of 1992 in the World Conference on Human Rights and International Year for the World's Indigenous People. The Centre also provides lecturers for the briefings organized by the Department of Public Information.

61. A number of exhibitions were sponsored by the Centre for Human Rights in 1992, especially in connection with human rights events such as meetings of the Commission on Human Rights and the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities or other human rights bodies.

62. Official commemorations were organized by the Department of Public Information and the Centre for Human Rights in New York and at Geneva as well as at United Nations centres and information services throughout the world. A celebration of Human Rights Day took place at the Palais des Nations in Geneva on 10 December 1992. The programme of the celebration included the message of the Secretary-General on video; a round table on the theme "Human Rights in 1993: New Frontiers" and the projection of two films on human rights and indigenous people.

IV. NATIONAL FOCAL POINTS

63. The General Assembly, in paragraph 12 of its resolution 43/128, urged all Member States that had not yet done so to designate national focal points that could be supplied with copies of relevant human rights material and that might also serve as points of liaison with the United Nations in the development and implementation of the World Campaign. As of 31 December 1992, 24 Governments had designated focal points.

V. BUDGET

64. The budget for the biennium 1992-1993 for the publication of information and reference materials was US$ 326,800. The allotment for 1992 was $227,400. The balance will be used in 1993 to cover expenditures for the production of, inter alia, the various publications referred to above.

65. The publications programme of the Centre for Human Rights is continuously expanding to respond to the increasing needs in the field of human rights information. An obvious example of this is the production of five manuals on human rights planned for 1993-1994, which has been recently added to the programme. In view of this situation, the question of the allocation of adequate resources to the publications programme of the Centre needs to be addressed.

VI. ASSESSMENT OF THE IMPACT OF THE WORLD PUBLIC INFORMATION CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN RIGHTS

66. The aim of the World Public Information Campaign for Human Rights is to increase understanding and awareness of human rights and fundamental freedoms through the dissemination of information. The activities carried out to date by the United Nations in the framework of the World Campaign have been directed towards stimulating public interest in and awareness of human rights issues. Increased participation by the international community in United Nations human rights programmes and greater interest of the wider public in questions related to human rights are two indicators by which the impact of the World Campaign may, at this early stage, be measured.

67. A significant increase in the rate at which human rights treaties are being ratified has been observed over the past several years. A similar upward trend has occurred in the rate at which United Nations human rights machinery is being utilized and there is growing interest in the various mechanisms available to individuals for protection of their rights at the international level.

68. The Centre is responding to an increasing number of requests for human rights information and documentation from non-governmental organizations, academic and research institutions, schools, national and regional human rights centres and concerned individuals. A substantial mailing list has been developed to facilitate the distribution of publications to these groups. Greater interest in human rights and in activities of the United Nations in this regard may also be adduced from the increase in the number of requests for briefings received by the Centre from universities, high schools, journalists, non-governmental organizations, diplomats and public officials. Human rights issues are becoming key topics in international fora and the Centre is commonly asked to contribute expertise.

69. It is evident from the above information that interest in, and knowledge of human rights issues are increasing significantly. While fully expecting this trend to continue and perhaps even to accelerate, the Centre remains conscious of the constraints within which its information programme operates. There is considerable scope in the publications programme for expansion in terms of both range and print-runs. The present budget will, at best, only maintain the programme at its current stage of development. Together with chronic staffing shortages, this lack of funds hampers the Centre's efforts to take full advantage of the opportunity presented by the widespread upsurge in public interest in human rights.

Annex

LIST OF PUBLICATIONS ISSUED BY THE CENTRE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS AS OF DECEMBER 1992

(See E/CN.4/1992/22, para.6)

FACT SHEETS

Fact Sheet No. 1	Human Rights Machinery
Fact Sheet No. 2	The International Bill of Human Rights
Fact Sheet No. 3	Advisory Services and Technical Assistance in the Field of Human Rights
Fact Sheet No. 4	Methods of Combating Torture
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Fact Sheet No. 14	Contemporary Forms of Slavery
Fact Sheet No. 15	Civil and Political Rights: The Human Rights Committee
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Fact Sheet No. 17	The Committee against Torture
Fact Sheet No. 18	Minority Rights

BULLETIN OF HUMAN RIGHTS

Special issue on the fortieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (1988)

Implementation of international human rights instruments (89/1)

Special procedures - The role of non-governmental organizations (90/1)

Human rights and humanitarian law - Human rights and refugee law (91/1)

The rights of the child (91/2)

AD HOC PUBLICATIONS

European workshop on the Universal Declaration of Human Rights: past - present - future: Proceedings, (Milan, Italy, 7-9 September 1988) HR/PUB/89/1

The administration of justice and human rights for East European countries: Report of a United Nations Training Course, (Moscow, 21-25 November 1988) HR/PUB/89/2

The teaching of human rights: Report of an international seminar, (Geneva, 5-9 December 1988) HR/PUB/89/3

The effects of racism and racial discrimination on the social and economic relations between indigenous peoples and States: Report of a seminar (Geneva, 16-20 January 1989) HR/PUB/89/5

Application of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights under the Optional Protocol by the Human Rights Committee (no symbol)

The African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights HR/PUB/90/1

Report of an international consultation on AIDS and human rights (Geneva, 26-28 July 1989) HR/PUB/90/2

United Nations training course on international norms and standards in the field of human rights; proceedings (Moscow, 27 November-1 December 1989) HR/PUB/90/6

Second Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination: Global compilation of national legislation against racial discrimination HR/PUB/1990/8

The realization of the rights to development: Global consultation on the right to development as a human right (Geneva, 8-12 January 1990) HR/PUB/91/2

Political, historical, economic, social and cultural factors contributing to racism, racial discrimination and apartheid: Report of a seminar (10-14 December 1990) HR/PUB/91/3

Manual on human rights reporting HR/PUB/91/1

The first twenty years - Progress report of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination HR/PUB/91/1

Workshop on the implementation of international human rights instruments and reporting obligations: Preparation of reports to United Nations human rights treaty bodies (Moscow, 26-30 August 1991) HR/PUB/91/5

Teaching and learning about human rights - A manual for schools of social work and the social work profession HR/PUB/92/1

African workshop on international human rights standards and the administration of justice (Cairo, 8-12 July 1992) HR/PUB/91/6

HUMAN RIGHTS STUDY SERIES

No. 1 Right to adequate food as a human right, by A. Eide (E.89.XIV.2)

No. 2 Elimination of all forms of intolerance and discrimination based on religion or belief, by E. Odio Benito (E.89.XIV.3)

No. 3 Freedom of the Individual under law: an analysis of article 29 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, by E-I. Daes (E.89.XIV.5)

No. 4 Status of the individual and contemporary international law: promotion, protection and restoration of human rights at national, regional and international levels by E-I. Daes, (E.91.XIV.3)

No. 5 Study on the rights of persons belonging to ethnic, religious and linguistic minorities, by F. Capotorti (E.91.XIV.2)

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Human Rights Newsletter

ABC Teaching of Human Rights

Human Rights: Questions and Answers

United Nations Action in the Field of Human Rights

Human Rights: A Compilation of International Instruments

Human Rights: Status of International Instruments in the Field of Human Rights

Yearbook on Human Rights

Official Records of the Human Rights Committee

Human Rights Committee - Selected Decisions under the Optional Protocol (vols. I and II)